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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2005 Assembly Bill 306**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 2**

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Assembly Bill 306 extends to owners, providers, trainers, and users of “automatic” defibrillators the same civil liability immunity for acts or omissions in rendering emergency care in good faith that currently applies to the use of “semi-automatic” defibrillators if requirements are met, similar to those under current law that apply to semi-automatic defibrillators, concerning notice and information, maintenance, testing, and training.

**Substitute Amendment 2:**

(1) Substitutes the term “automated external defibrillator” for the terms “automatic defibrillator” and “semi-automatic defibrillator” (an automated external defibrillator may be used either as a semi-automatic or automatic defibrillator);

(2) Eliminates current training requirements in the use of defibrillators by laypersons but maintains civil liability immunity for laypersons who in good faith render emergency care with an automated external defibrillator;

(3) Eliminates the current requirement that a person who provides a public access defibrillator for use provide written notification to the nearest emergency medical services program; and

(4) Extends the current civil liability immunity that applies to certain persons who provide training in the use of defibrillators to any person who provided training to the person who renders care.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 was introduced by Representative Wasserman. The Assembly Committee on Judiciary recommended adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the proposal, as amended, by the same vote.

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